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Commercial Shrimp Cultivation

2768. SHRI RAJUBHAIA PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from farmers and environmentalists' organisations to check indiscriminate commercial shrimp cultivation;

(b) if so, there area under prawn farming in different States;

(c) whether big industrial houses and multinationals have lately taken to largescale monopolistic exploitation of shrimp-farming resources, to the detriment of small-farmers; if so, which are the main Companies and Corporations operating in the field of shrimp farming; and

(d) the extent of exports including export earnings from shrimps during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Apprehensions have been voiced in some quarters about the possible illeffects of shrimp culture in coastal areas.

(b) A statement-I is appended (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir, About 80% of land under shrimp farming is operated by traditional sector/small farmers. Further, shrimp farming on satellite basis adopted by the

corporate sector has been of advantage to small farmers.

Statement-I

Name of the State	Area under Brackishwater Shrimp Culture (ha.)
	(P)
1. Andhra Pradesh	80,000
2. Goa	550
3. Gujarat	450
4. Karnataka	2,570
5. Kerala	13,400
6. Maharashtra	1,980
7. Orissa	9,800
8. Tamil Nadu	1,600
9. West Bengal	34,050
Total	1,44,400

P=Provisional

(d) A statement-II is appended.

Statement-II

Year	Total Quantity of marine products exproted ('000 tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)	Quantity of shrimp exported ('000 tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1993-94	244.0	2503.62	86.541	1770.73
1994-95	307.3	3575.27	101.751	2510.43
1995-96 (upto Oct. '95)	131.7	1680.25	48.055	1242.40

Inadequacy of Social Legislations

2769. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SHAU:
PROF. I.G. SANADI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's social legislations like Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and DPCO, 1995 have not stopped multinational companies from introducing formulations at fancy prices from 1990 onwards;

(b) whether Fortum, Retrovir, Sandimun, Fumycin, Rulide, Anylodipine all fall in this category and what are their prices;

(c) whether M/s. Pfizer, Glaxo, Sandoz and Burroughs Welcome are all charging high prices in India and are transferring foreign exchange through their connected companies;

(d) whether the public and the country is likely to be looted in this fashion after patents act is enacted; and

(e) the steps taken to broadbase social legislations and make them effective?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) and (e) The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 has been made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 keeping in view the objectives of the Drug Policy which, inter-alia, are to ensure availability at reasonable prices, of essential and life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality.